

Important information about the \$760 Million Indian Farmer Settlement

What Is This About?

A \$760 million class action Settlement in a lawsuit against the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") has been reached. The lawsuit, *Keepseagle v. Vilsack*, claimed the USDA discriminated against Native Americans who tried to get farm loans or loan servicing.

Who Is Included?

The Settlement Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to farm or ranch between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999; **and**
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; **and**
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either directly or through a representative during the time period.

Because of a law passed by Congress, excluded are claims of Class Members who **either**:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997, **or**
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

What Does the Settlement Provide?

- \$680 million to pay those included in the Settlement.
- Up to \$80 million in USDA loan forgiveness for those who qualify.
- Changes in the USDA farm loan program to enhance the ability of Native Americans to continue to farm and ranch.

What Can I Get From the Settlement?

- You may be eligible for a payment of up to \$50,000 or more and full or partial loan forgiveness from the Settlement.
- After the Court grants final approval, meetings will be held across the country to help people file claims.
- Register for a Claims Package at the website or by calling the toll-free number listed below.

**To register for a Claims Package and to learn more
about the Settlement and your legal rights,**

Call: 1-888-233-5506

or

Visit: www.IndianFarmClass.com